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SUBJ: LALL/HARRIMAN LETTERS

REF: NEW DELHI 10889

1. WE GAVE ICC/L CHAIRMAN DEVA COPIES OF THE LALL-HARRIMAN CORRESPONDENCE SOME TIME AGO. HE SAID HE HAD NOT HEARD OF THE EXCHANGE BEFORE, DESPITE HIS SEVERAL WEEKS' BRIEFING IN NEW DELHI PRIOR TO ARRIVING IN VIENTIANE.

2. WE ARE PUZZLED THAT DELHI DOES NOT HAVE THIS CORRESPONDENCE.

Embassy Vientiane says it gave Deva copies of Lall-Harriman letters some time ago

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AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN, WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, CLEARLY RECALLS THAT THE EXCHANGE WAS APPROVED BY KRISHNA MENON PERSONALLY AND PRESUMABLY BY THE MEA. AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN'S RECOLLECTION IS THAT LALL ALSO DISCUSSED THE LETTERS WITH THE SOVIET AND BRITISH REPS. GOVERNOR HARRIMAN'S RECORDS MAY GIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE BACKGROUND OF THE EXHANGE OF LETTERS.

GP-1 SULLIVAN

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